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**TITLE: GOLF CLUB SHAFT WITH CONTROLLABLE FEEL AND BALANCE
USING COMBINATION OF FIBER-REINFORCED PLASTICS AND
METAL-COATED FIBER-REINFORCED PLASTICS**

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STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
☒ an official of the small business entity empowered to act on behalf of the concern
identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN: Rapport Composites, U.S.A., Inc.
ADDRESS OF CONCERN: 7740 Records Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46226

I hereby declare that above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d) for the purpose of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled **GOLF CLUB SHAFT WITH CONTROLLABLE FEEL AND BALANCE USING COMBINATION OF FIBER-REINFORCED PLASTICS AND METAL-COATED FIBER-REINFORCED PLASATICS** by inventor(s) Michael W. Perryman and Patrick C.T. Hsu described in:

- ☒ The specification filed herewith.
☐ Application Serial No. _____, filed _____
☐ Patent No. _____, issued _____

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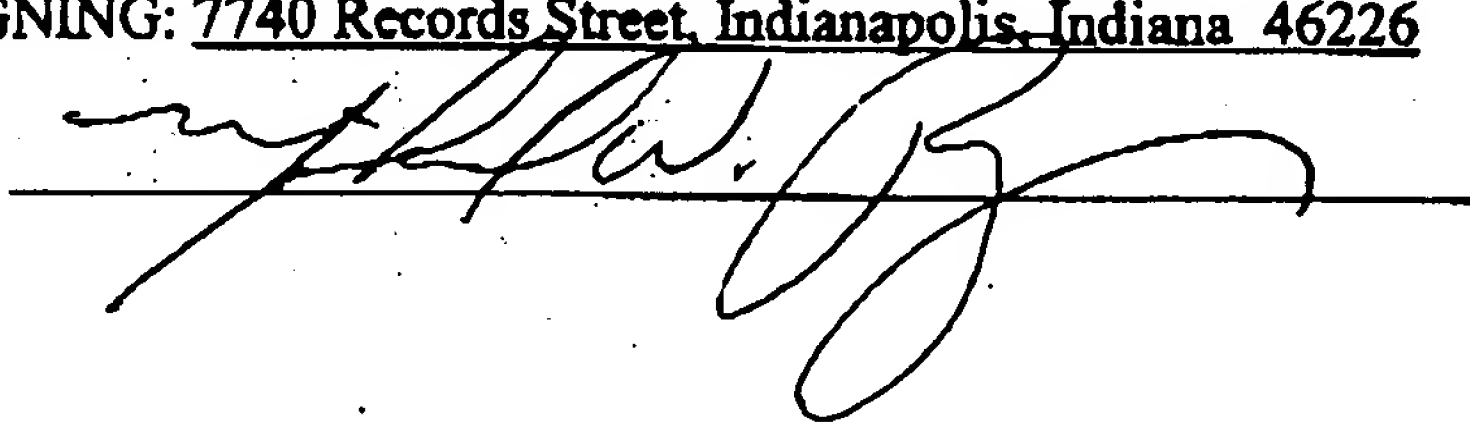
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First Named Inventor

PERRYMAN, Michael W.

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

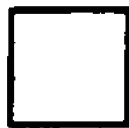
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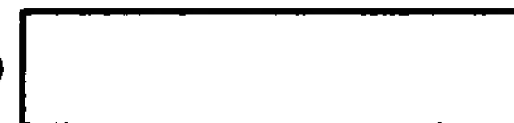


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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge and hereby disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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Charles J. Meyer	41,998		

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Name of Sole or First Inventor:	<input type="checkbox"/>	A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor.			
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Michael W.		Perryman			
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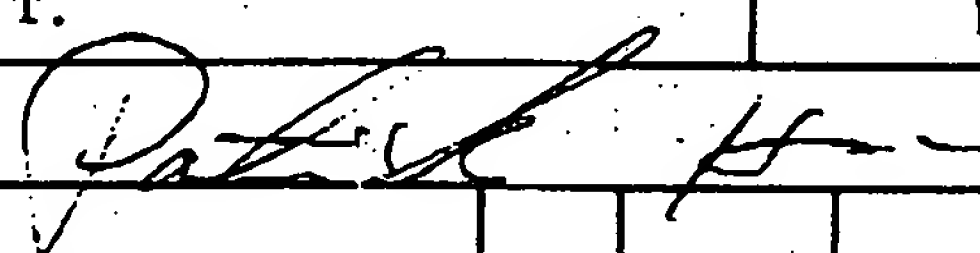
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Vincent O. Wagner	29,596		
Steve Zlatos	30,123		
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Daniel J. Lueders	32,581		
Kenneth A. Gandy	33,386		
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Charles J. Meyer	41,996		
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Matthew R. Schantz	40,800		
Gregory B. Coy	40,967		
Lisa A. Hiday	40,036		
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Michael W. Perryman, hereinafter referred to as Assignor, has made a new and useful invention in GOLF CLUB SHAFT WITH CONTROLLABLE FEEL AND BALANCE USING COMBINATION OF FIBER-REINFORCED PLASTICS AND METAL-COATED FIBER-REINFORCED PLASTICS for which Assignor have made or will make application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Rapport Composites U.S.A., Inc., hereinafter referred to as Assignee, a corporation of the State of Indiana having a principal place of business at 7740 Records Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46226 desires to acquire all of the entire right, title, and interest in, to and under said invention disclosed, described and claimed or intended so to be in said application, and in, to and under said application, and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, which may be obtained therefor and thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good, valuable and sufficient considerations to Assignor in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee, all of the entire right, title, and interest in, to and under said invention disclosed, described and claimed or intended so to be in said application, and in, to and under said application for United States Letters Patent executed by Assignor this 15TH day of JUNE, 1999, and any and all other applications thereon and arising therefrom, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all patents to be issued and obtained therefor and thereon, United States and foreign, including all reissues and extensions thereof.

Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the firm of Woodard, Emhardt, Naughton, Moriarty & McNett, of Bank One Center Tower, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 3700, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-5137 to insert here in parentheses (Serial No. _____ Filed, June 21, 1999) the date and serial number of said application when officially known, and Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Honorable Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to Assignee, its assigns and legal representatives.

Assignors agree to sign and execute any and all other papers necessary or desirable to the procurement of Letters Patent on said invention in this and all foreign countries for the use of Assignee.

WITNESS Assignor's hands this 15TH day of JUNE, 1999.


Michael W. Perryman

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Patrick C. T. Hsu, hereinafter referred to as Assignor, has made a new and useful invention in GOLF CLUB SHAFT WITH CONTROLLABLE FEEL AND BALANCE USING COMBINATION OF FIBER-REINFORCED PLASTICS AND METAL-COATED FIBER-REINFORCED PLASTICS for which Assignor have made or will make application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

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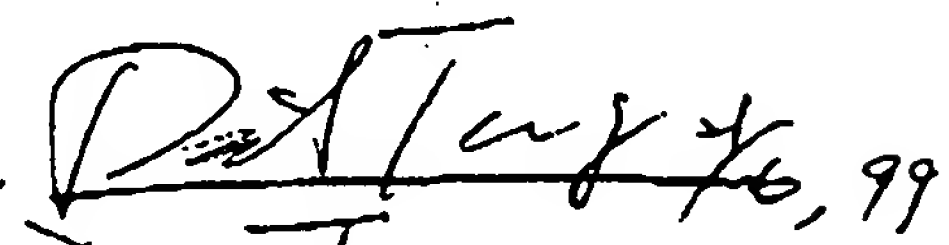
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